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## CMSP Letter

To: County Welfare Directors  
All Counties Participating in the  
County Medical Services Program

This letter describes the administrative allocation methodology for the 34 counties who have chosen to contract with the State for county indigent medical services provided through the County Medical Services Program (CMSP).

Senate Bill (SB) 2012 appropriated a total of \$261.5 million statewide in Fiscal Year (FY) 1982-83 to cover the administrative and program costs of providing county indigent medical services for those persons who were formerly eligible for Medi-Cal benefits through the medically indigent adult (MIA) program. SB 2012 specified that no more than 8.22% (\$21.5 million) of this amount could be used statewide to cover the cost of determining eligibility in county indigent medical services programs. SB 2012 further specified that each county's portion of total funds appropriated would be based on the ratio of the county's total MIA service costs to total statewide MIA service costs incurred during the last three fiscal years (FY 1979-80, 1980-81, and 1981-82). By applying this service ratio methodology to the \$21.5 million appropriated statewide to cover costs associated with determining eligibility in county indigent medical services programs, the share for the independent counties totalled \$19,418,801. Using the same methodology, the share for the small county group which chose to contract with the State for the County Medical Services Program (CMSP) totalled \$2,081,199.

The small county CMSP advisory group, after extended deliberation, decided that the most equitable distribution of these funds would be a caseload based allocation for counties participating in the CMSP. Accordingly, the \$2,081,199 total for the CMSP group was allocated to the individual CMSP counties based on each county's average monthly unmixed MIA cases for the period January 1 through December 31, 1981. The enclosure accompanying this letter lists your county's total administrative allocation for the period January 1 through June 30, 1982 as well as the average monthly caseload figure used to determine your county's allocation. Please note that the caseload figures used to determine CMSP allocations were taken from the Department of Health Services' Eligibility History File (EHF) data, which is compiled from CID card issuance data submitted by the counties. These computations included only unmixed MIA cases who either had no share of cost or had met their share of cost and had been certified to receive a Medi-Cal card. Since uncertified MIA eligibles and MIA's in mixed MN/MIA cases were not included in these computations, the caseload figures shown on the enclosed table may not reflect your entire MIA population for the 1981 calendar year.

To alleviate potential cash flow problems for both the counties and the State, your total CMSP administrative allocation for January 1 through June 30, 1983 will be divided into six equal portions which will be advanced to you on or about the 15th of each month. You will receive your first CMSP advance following receipt of the CMSP contract signed by your County Board of Supervisors. Each of the remaining payments will be distributed to your county on or about the 15th beginning in February, 1983.

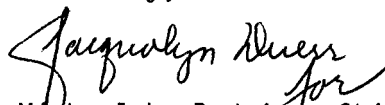
Your actual costs for determining CMSP eligibility will be reimbursed up to the maximum amount specified in the enclosed table. Any funds which have not been expended by June 30, 1983 must be returned to the County Medical Services Account after the end of the fiscal year.

Although this is a caseload based allocation, it is important to remember that this is a capped allocation which cannot be retroactively adjusted for actual caseload charges. We have allocated to the counties the entire \$21.5 million which was appropriated to cover costs associated with eligibility determination, and we do not expect any additional funds to be made available to us for this purpose during the current fiscal year. For this reason, each county will be responsible for any actual eligibility determination costs which exceed its CMSP administrative allocation. Conversely, reductions in funding will not occur solely because caseload drops, provided that actual costs are incurred which are sufficient to claim the available funds.

As a condition of receiving State funds for county indigent medical services, each county must account for its actual administrative costs associated with determining eligibility for such programs. County eligibility determination costs will be reported to the State Department of Health Services as part of the county's annual health services plan. CMSP counties will also report CMSP eligibility determination costs through the county welfare department's quarterly administrative claim which is submitted to the State Department of Social Services. CMSP eligibility determination costs will be identified based on eligibility timestudy procedures specified in Division 25 of the DSS Manual of Policies and Procedures. Within the next two to three weeks, you will receive an all county letter outlining modifications currently being made to the DSS Eligibility and Non-Service Timestudy Form (DFA 43) which will help you to identify worker time and related costs associated with determining CMSP eligibility.

Please call Mary Conway or Jacquie Duerr at (916) 445-1161 if you or your staff have any questions regarding your CMSP allocation, the allocation methodology, or your CMSP cost reporting requirements and procedures.

Sincerely,



Michael L. Rodrian, Chief  
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Office of County Health Services and  
Local Public Health Assistance

Enclosure

cc: CMSP Contact Persons  
Health Officers  
Medi-Cal Liaisons

MAXIMUM ADMINISTRATIVE ALLOCATIONS FOR  
COUNTY MEDICAL SERVICE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS  
Based on MIA Caseload for Calendar Year 1981  
(Contract Counties Only)

	(1) Average MIA Cases/Month for CY 1981	(2) Dollar Allocation Based on MIA Caseload
Alpine	15	1,503
Amador	108	10,821
Butte	1,221	122,335
Calaveras	216	21,642
Colusa	72	7,214
Del Norte	181	18,135
El Dorado	581	58,212
Glenn	91	9,118
Humboldt	1,769	177,240
Imperial	674	67,530
Inyo	148	14,828
Kings	741	74,243
Lake	466	46,690
Lassen	149	14,929
Madera	486	48,693
Marin	1,757	176,038
Mariposa	84	8,417
Mendocino	1,060	106,204
Modoc	76	7,615
Mono	37	3,707
Napa	617	61,819
Nevada	437	43,784
Placer	865	86,666
Plumas	156	15,630
San Benito	138	13,826
Santa Barbara	1,618	162,111
Santa Cruz	2,028	203,190
Sierra	40	4,008
Siskiyou	239	23,946
Solano	1,276	127,845
Sonoma	2,608	261,302
Trinity	76	7,615
Tuolumne	239	23,946
Yuba	503	50,397
TOTAL	20,772	\$2,081,199

Sources:

- DHS Eligibility History File Data (Unmixed MIA Cases Only) for 1/1/81-12/31/81.
2. Dollar Allocation based on \$100.19/case (six month total) or \$16.70/case (monthly average).